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AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX II REGULATIONS OF THE 1966 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE 1983 AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS 47 AND 48 OF ANNEX II OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966

JANUARY 26, 1988.—Amendments were read the first time, and together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 26, 1988.*

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate with a view to acceptance by the United States, amendments to regulations 47 and 48 of Annex II of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966. The report of the Department of State is also transmitted for the information of the Senate in connection with its consideration of these amendments.

The International Convention on Load Lines establishes uniform principles governing the safe loading of ships on international voyages. The annexes, which form an integral part of the Convention, embody the regulations for determining the location of ships' load lines. The annexes also divide the world's oceans into regions in which particular load lines must be observed depending on the season of the year in which the vessels operate. The amendments to regulations 47 and 48 of the Convention, proposed by the Government of Chile, would redefine the boundaries of the seasonal zones intersecting the coast of Chile. The effect would be to extend the tropical and summer zones toward the south to the advantage of both the Chilean coastal trade and visiting foreign trade.

I believe that the proposed amendments will not be detrimental to United States shipping and should be accepted. I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to these amendments, and give advice and consent to their acceptance by the United States.

RONALD REAGAN.

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 29, 1987.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

THE PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit to you, with a view to their transmission to the Senate for advice and consent to acceptance, the 1983 amendments to regulations 47 and 48 of Annex II of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966.

The International Convention on Load Lines ("the Convention"), which was adopted at London April 5, 1966, and entered into force July 21, 1968, establishes uniform rules governing the safe loading of ships on international voyages. Load lines are placed on ships to mark the point beyond which a vessel may not be safely loaded and hence submerged. Different load lines must be observed depending on the season of the year, the area in which the ship sails, and whether the ship operates in fresh or salt water. The annexes, which form an integral part of the Convention, embody the regulations for determining the load lines, indicating the depth to which vessels may be loaded according to fixed geographical zones and the seasons of the year in which the vessel operates. Under the Convention no ship to which it applies may proceed to sea on an international voyage unless it has been surveyed, marked, and provided with either an international load line certificate or a certificate of exemption.

The amendments to regulations 47 and 48 were proposed by the Government of Chile and adopted without opposition at the 13th Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at London on November 17, 1983. They have been communicated by the Secretary General of IMO to all Contracting Governments for their acceptance, in conformity with Article 29(3)(b) of the Convention. These amendments will enter into force for all Contracting Governments, except those which, prior to its entry into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment, 12 months after the date on which they are accepted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments.

The purpose of the amendments is to redefine the boundaries of the Pacific seasonal zones intersecting Chile's coastline. The effect would be to extend the tropical and summer zones toward the south to the advantage of both Chilean coastal trade and visiting foreign trade.

The Chilean Government submitted meteorological information for the areas in question and proved to the satisfaction of IMO that the areas in question fit the guidelines for tropical and summer

zones as defined. Based upon that review and a conclusion that the amendment would not be harmful to United States shipping, our delegation supported the Chilean proposal.

No additional legislation is necessary to implement the proposed amendments. Upon entry into force of the amendments, the United States Load Line Regulations (set forth in Parts 42 through 46 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations) will be amended to conform.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. WHITEHEAD.

[Resolution A.513(13) adopted on 17 November 1983]

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966

The Assembly,

Recalling Article 16(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning maritime safety,

Noting that proposals for amending regulations 47 and 48(2) of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, concerning the southern winter seasonal zone and tropical zone off the coast of Chile and the supporting meteorological background information were submitted by the Government of Chile to IMO in accordance with Article 29(3) of the 1966 Load Line Convention and were duly considered by the Maritime Safety Committee,

Noting also that the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-seventh session adopted the proposed amendments in accordance with Article 29(3)(a) of the 1966 Load Line Convention,

Having considered the amendments to regulations 47 and 48(2) and to the chart of zones and seasonal areas,

1. Adopts, in accordance with Article 29(3)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, the amendments to those regulations the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, together with the consequential changes to the chart of zones and seasonal areas;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 29(3)(b) of the 1966 Load Line Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and its Annex to all Contracting Governments to the 1966 Load Line Convention, for consideration and acceptance, and also to transmit copies to all Members of the Organization;

3. Urges all States concerned to accept the amendments at the earliest possible date.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966

REGULATION 47

Delete at the end of the paragraph "to the west coast of the American continent" and replace by "to the point latitude 33°S, longitude 79°W, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 41°S, longitude 75°W, thence the rhumb line to Punta Corona lighthouse on Chiloe Island, latitude 41°47′S, longitude 73°53′W, thence along the north, east and south coasts of Chiloe Island to the point latitude 43°20′S, longitude 74°20′W, and thence the meridian of longi-

tude 74°20′W to the parallel of latitude 45°45′S, including the inner zone of Chiloe channels from the meridian 74°20′W to the east."

REGULATION 48(2)

Delete at the end of the paragraph "and thence the rhumb line to the west coast of the American continent at latitude 30°S." and replace by "thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 32°47′S, longitude 72°W, and thence to the parallel of latitude 32°47′S to the west coast of South America.".

CHART OF ZONES AND SEASONAL AREAS

1. Delete the southern border line of the southern summer zone east of the point latitude 33°S, longitude 79°W to the west coast of the American continent. Insert a rhumb line from the point latitude 33°S, longitude 79°W to the point latitude 41°S, longitude 75°W, from there insert a rhumb line to Punta Corona lighthouse on Chiloe Island latitude 41°47′S, longitude 73°53′W, from there mark the north, east and south coast of Chiloe Island as border to the point latitude 43°20′S, longitude 74°20′W, mark the meridian of longitude 74°20′W to the parallel of latitude 45°45′S and then this parallel to the west coast of South America.

2. Delete from the southern boundary of the tropical zone the rhumb line from the point latitude 26°S, longitude 75°W to the west coast of South America at latitude 30°S. Insert a rhumb line from the point latitude 26°S, longitude 75°W to the point latitude 32°47′S, longitude 72°W and then the parallel of latitude 32°47′S to the west coast of South America.

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